

HOUSE BILL 3124
By Shaw

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 8, relative to the state capitol and
annexes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-8-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

§ 4-8-101.

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Capitol" means the Tennessee state capitol, the building, its grounds, surrounding sidewalks and steps leading to the capitol;

(2) "Capitol facility administrator" means an employee of the department of general services who manages the capitol and is responsible for a comprehensive program of operational maintenance, administrative functions, and the security and safety of the tenants of the capitol;

(3) "Capitol security" means state troopers, capitol security officers, civilian security guards employed by the state or any law enforcement officer;

(4) "Event" means any performance, ceremony, presentation, meeting, rally or reception held in the public areas of the capitol;

(5) "Exterior" means the exterior walls and surfaces of the capitol, the ground and first floor entrances, porches, staircases and the grounds;
and

(6) "Rally" means a gathering of people for the purpose of actively promoting a cause.

(b) The department, through proper agencies, has the authority:

(1) To preserve order among visitors who may be in and around the capitol and annexes;

(2) To keep improper persons out of the different offices and rooms, in the absence of the regular occupants;

(3) To permit events to be held in the interior of the capitol from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., on a daily basis, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; and

(4) To permit events to be held in the exterior of the capitol from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on a daily basis.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), when either house of the legislature or a legislative committee is in session prior to 8:00 a.m. or on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, the building shall be open to the public thirty (30) minutes before commencement of the session. When either house of the legislature or a legislative committee is in session after 10:00 p.m. or on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, the building shall be open to the public thirty (30) minutes after adjournment of the Senate, House of Representatives, or legislative committee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.